

SENATE BILL 2382

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3018, relative to special circumstances under which students are to be credited as present.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee Code Commission is requested to change the heading of § 49-6-3018 from "Children serving as pages for general assembly." to "Special circumstances under which students are credited as present."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3018, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

(a) The school in which a student is enrolled shall credit the student as present in the same manner as the school credits the student present for participation in an educational field trip when the student:

(1) Serves as a page of the general assembly during the school year, either at a regular or special session; or

(2) Visits an institution of higher education as a prospective enrollee. To be credited as present for a visit to an institution of higher education, the student must provide to the student's school documentation of the visit from the institution's admissions office or an official of the institution.

(b) The school shall not count the student's service as a page or visit to an institution of higher education as a prospective enrollee under subsection (a) as an absence, either excused or unexcused.

(c) A local board of education must adopt a policy governing student visits to institutions of higher education before crediting any student as present when the student is visiting an institution of higher education as a prospective enrollee.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students serving as pages of the general assembly or visiting institutions of higher education as prospective enrollees in the 2018-2019 school year and school years thereafter.